From the Desk of the Principal

To: Parents & Guardians

Date: December 6, 2021

Dear Parents,

Praying you are basking in the blessings the Christmas Season offers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done throughout the semester to insure the safe and healthy wellbeing of your child/ren, our precious students. While I have to let you know that reports of positive student cases increased during the Thanksgiving Break, please realize that because of your cooperation with our school protocols and healthy routines, we have had no transmission of COVID-19 in our school? Again, thank you for your dedicated commitment to partner with the RMES family in helping us maintain quality education in a safe and healthy environment. As we look ahead this week, please be aware of the following:

- **Mental Health Education for Students:** As we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic of the critical concern is the mental and social-emotional impact of the situation on our students. Please be aware that in an effort to provide reassurance of care and safety to our students, we will be expanding what we started last year for the Jr. High. We have invited Dr. Leanne Miller, pediatrician and one of our supportive parents, we will be continuing mental health education for all of our students (K-8). The RMES Highway to Happiness-Mental Health Education Tuesdays, will start this Tuesday, December 7, 2021 through April 2022. Please pray for Dr. Miller as she educates our children in age-appropriate ways about the times in which they/we live and reassures their confidence in the love and care of family and grace and mercy of their loving Father in Heaven.

- **Berrien Christmas Welcome:** Please be aware that due to the surge of COVID-19 in our Michigan/Berrien Springs community and the increase of positive cases in our Andrews community during the recent weeks, RMES will not be participating in this year’s Berrien Springs Christmas celebration on Thursday, December 9. If you are new to the Berrien Springs community and feel comfortable with crowds during this time, this event would be a great family activity and a way join your community to “kindle your Christmas Spirit.” Check out the happenings downtown on Thursday, December 9, starting at 6:00 p.m.

- **PMC Children’s Christmas Sabbath:** Pastor Ben Martin and the Children’s Division at PMC have invited RMES Choir to participate in the Children’s Celebration of Christmas Program on this Sabbath, December 11, 2021. Mr. Marcelo Martins, RMES Choir Director, has communicated with the parents who are directly involved; however, this announcement is make sure our entire school family is aware and invited to support the RMES Singers, made up of 3rd, 4th and 6th grade students. Due to limited space for distancing the singers will perform in two groups: First Service: 3rd & 6-8th Grade Singers. Second Service: 4th & 6-8th Grade Singers. For further details, call time, dress, or other related information please contact Mr. Marcelo at marcelom@andrews.edu or the school office at (269) 471-3225. The service will be in-person and live streamed at pmc live stream.
• **Second Quarter Ends:** The last day of school and last day of the quarter is December 17, 2021. Please check Jupiter and/or with your teacher/s to ensure that your child is up to date with all assignments. If you have any questions regarding your child/children’s progress, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teachers directly.

• **Tuition Payment Due:** This is a gentle reminder that tuition payment is due on the 25th of each month. In case you missed your November payment (due to the Thanksgiving Break), do not postpone any longer--Go to Touch net today and make that payment. **Since the December 25 payment will be during the Christmas Break, please contact Mrs. Giddings to discuss your tuition payment or once again, use the Touch Net option. Thank you for being faithful patrons.**

### Inclement Weather

• Our winter season is upon us. In the event of a snow day or weather-related closing, please refer to our school policy, below:

  o **In the event of severe blizzard weather conditions, RMES follows the decision of Berrien RESA.**
  o **You will also receive a phone call to confirm school closing due to inclement weather.**
  o **The closing information will also be posted on the school’s website and voicemail.**
  o **The following television and radio stations will list our closing:**

#### Television Stations:

  o WNDU Channel 16
  o WSBT Channel 22
  o WSJV Channel 28
  o ABC 57

#### Radio Stations:

  o WAUS 90.7 FM
  o PULSE FM 96.9
  o WVHQ 92.1 FM
  o WDOV 1440 AM
  o WFRN 104.7 FM

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. In closing, here is a Bible promise for you:

> “**Yea though I walk through the valley or the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me...**” (Psalm23:4)

In His service,

Dr. Savory